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SUBJECT: EVENTS IN CYPRUS STRONGLY CONDEMNED BY ROMANIA

1. SCINTEIA OF JULY 17 DEVOTES TOTAL OF ONE HALF PAGE TO REPORTS ON AND CONDEMNATION OF COUP IN CYPRUS. FRONTPAGE AGERPRES "DECLARATION" AND LAST PAGE UNSIGNED EDITORIAL BOTH ATTACH ACTIONS OF GREEK OFFICERS IN OVERTHROWING GOC, STRESSING FAMILIAR LEGAL AND MORAL PRINCIPLES CONCERNING SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, BUT IN ADDITION CITING DANGERS POSED TO BALKAN COOPERATION AND EUROPEAN SECURITY IN GENERAL. ALSO FONMIN MACOVESCU IS REPORTED AS HAVING CALLED IN THE GREEK AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS THE GOR'S "DEEP CONCERN" OVER EVENTS IN CYPRUS AND SUPPORT FOR THE ISLAND'S INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY.

2. COMMENT: ROMANIAN UNHAPPINESS WITH CYPRUS COUP IN GENERAL IS READILY UNDERSTANDABLE IN LIGHT OF WELL KNOWN GOR FOREIGN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND THE PROXIMITY OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED TO ROMANIA. HOWEVER, THE UNUSUAL STRENGTH OF THE REACTION SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED, AT LEAST

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IN PART, TO ROMANIAN CONCERNS THAT AN OPEN CONFLICT

BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY MIGHT SOMEHOW LEAD TO GREATER
SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE BALKANS.
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